

large supply of salmon for winter consumption. Apart from the fishery the land is of little account. About 25 acres are salt marsh overflowed at high water and exposed to the prevailing gales, the remainder is rock and hilly ground covered with timber.

No. 4.

Chu-cha-ka-cook, situated on the west bank of the Alberni Canal, about 1 mile north of Na-mint Bay, is a dogfish station, and contains 6 acres.

This embraces all the points at which the Indians have been in the habit of fishing, and all that they requested to have set apart for them excepting the land of the Alberni Mill Company and that of Mr. Clark, which I could not deal with as it has been alienated by the Local Government.

This tribe of Indians differs in no way from those residing on the west coast of Vancouver Island; they subsist principally on fish and the proceeds of their labor during the sealing season. They number in all 60, of whom Ka-now-isk is chief.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

P. O'REILLY,
Indian Reserve Commissioner.

INDIAN RESERVE COMMISSION,
VICTORIA, B.C., October 14th, 1882.

The Right Honorable
The Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to state for your information that having completed the allotment of land for the Opetch-is-aht Indians, I next proceeded to the U-chuckle-sits in U-chuckle-sit Harbor, a small tribe which, according to the census of the local Agent, numbers 56, of which Clut-la-sult is chief.

These, like all the neighboring Indians on this coast, maintain themselves by fishing, large sums of money being annually expended by the traders during the seal and dogfish seasons.

The district of country in which these Indians live is for the most part a rocky, barren coast, though there is an abundance of timber of medium size. It is eminently fitted for the purpose for which it is applied, viz: fishing stations, commanding a large extent of water which teems with fish of all kinds.

The chief specially requested his village site should be given to him, and a sufficient quantity of timber.

Having examined the places indicated by him, I made the following reserves:—

No. 1.

Cow-ish-il, situated at the northern entrance of Alberni Canal, contains 200 acres; on it stands the principal village of this tribe, from which they command the resorts of the different fish which frequent this coast, and it is therefore of great value to them.

No. 2.

U-chuckle-sit, or Elk-la-teese, a reserve of 170 acres at the mouth of the U-chuckle-sit river, is the favorite autumn salmon fishery of these Indians, and extends from the mouth of the river to U-chuckle-sit lake, a distance of half a mile. It is well supplied with cedar of large growth, hemlock and spruce, while on either side of the river alder, maple and willow are to be found.